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Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file and be considered by the examiner.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(b), since it is being filed within three months of the filing date and before the mailing of a first Office action.

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08a is as follows:

JP 9-206518

This invention relates to a filter suitable for automobile oil filter includes a housing with a pair of casings connected together with open ends facing each other and having respective communicating ports, a partition wall interposed between the open ends of the casings and having a peripheral edge held between the peripheral edges of the casings and first and second through holes, and a filter medium unit including a first filter medium having a first communicating hole corresponding to the first through hole of the partition wall and a second filter medium having a second communicating hole corresponding to the second through hole of the partition wall. The first filter medium is held between the peripheral edges of the casings together with the peripheral edge of the partition wall at one of two sides of the partition wall so that the first through hole and the first communicating hole are laid each one upon the other and so that a peripheral edge of the first filter medium adheres closely to the side of the partition wall. The second filter medium is held between the peripheral edges of the casings together with the peripheral edge of the partition wall at the other side of the partition wall so that the second through hole and the second communicating hole are laid each one upon the other and so that a peripheral edge of the second filter medium adheres closely to the side of the partition wall.

JP 3-114504

This invention reduces the costs of a filter by a method wherein an exchange filter element is composed substantially of only a sheet of filter medium. To exchange a filter element, thumbscrews are unfastened to remove a lid and the existing filter element, together with a back plate, is pulled out from the securing groove of a supporting block remaining on a container body. Only the filter element is then replaced with the new one, it is placed on the back plate, their side edges are both fitted into the securing groove of the supporting block, the lid is placed on the container, while the securing groove of a supporting block on the lid is being fitted with a great care over the upper edges of the newly-installed filter element and the back plate arranged in coincidence and it is refastened thereto with the thumbscrews. In this way the filter element, together with the back plate, is fitted all around the continuously peripheral groove of the supporting block and secured in such an arrangement that its face traverses a liquid flow passage.

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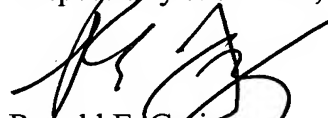
This invention relates to a device for filtering a fluid comprising a casing with an inlet for the fluid to be filtered and an outlet for the filtered fluid, filtering means, a filtering flow being produced when suctioning is applied in the outlet and a cleaning flow being produced when a purge fluid is propelled from the outlet to the inlet. The filtering means consist of a filtering plate extending axially in the casing and dividing the inner space into a first and a second chamber. The outlet is arranged in such a way that the first flow of fluid entering through the inlet passes through said plate before coming out of the casing.

US 2,306,984

This invention relates to internal combustion engines, particularly to such engines of the Diesel type, and to filter devices used for filtering fuel oil therefor. The object of the invention is to provide an improved filter device for Diesel engines, which enables removing from fuel oil solids considered not susceptible of separation by filtration, such for instance as paraffin in colloidal form, which may be present in oils used in the Diesel engines, particularly in the oil of lower grades.

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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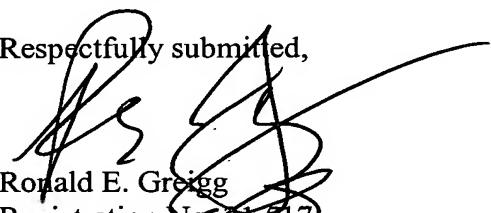
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